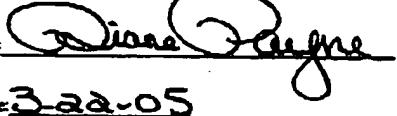


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Response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment
and Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir,

I. Introduction

Applicants hereby responds to the Notice of Non-compliant amendment of March 16, 2005 as follows and respectfully preliminarily amends the Claims and further responds to the Restriction Requirement: Please charge deposit account 02-2334 for any fees and to credit any credits. No action has yet occurred on the merits.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Interview of February 28, 2005, applicant
elect prosecution of Claims 28-46 and 48-54, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Additionally, Applicants choose the species as follows:

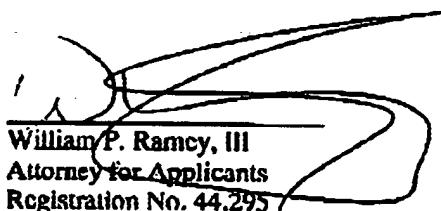
- i) wherein the scavenger is not used for deprotection;
- ii) wherein the scavenger is an amine; and,
- iii) benzyl β -alaninate or a salt thereof as an example of a suitable scavenger.

Applicants maintain their other species election from the Response to the Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2004, with traversal.

IV. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' attorney, William P. Ramey, III, at 302-933-4034. The application is believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and to credit any credits to deposit account no. 02-2334.

Respectfully submitted,



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